



Dorothy Empting

March 28, 1936 - February 12, 2026

Dorothy “June Bug” June Empting, age 89, of Anadarko, Oklahoma, was born on March 28th, 1936, to Wayne Martin Lee and Nora Elizabeth, and passed away peacefully on February 12th, 2026.

Dorothy was a lifelong resident of Anadarko and a member of St. Patrick’s church. She attended Saint Patrick’s Mission School then Anadarko High School. Dorothy worked as a bank teller for 5 years at The First State Bank. After that, she owned a liquor store for another 5 years before becoming a full-time homemaker for the majority of her life.

Dorothy was married to Jack C. Smith for 27 years before meeting her second love, Gordon Kenneth Empting, and marrying him for 26 years.

Her children and grandchildren were her whole world, and she lived for them unconditionally. She also loved to read cookbooks and was an awesome cook herself. She was a happy, very loving compassionate funny, and loyal person, being unapologetically herself. She was authentic, never lied, and seldom held back her thoughts and opinions.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wayne and Nora Lee. Her brother, Wayne Lee Jr., and her sister, Sandra Kay Lee.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Michael Smith and Lorraine Keyes-Smith of Medicine Park, Lori Lee Swart and Joe of Anadarko. Her stepchildren: Gordon Kenneth Empting Jr and Vicki of Tennessee; Gary Empting and Diane of Texas; Randy Empting and Cindy of Ponca City. Her siblings, Clayton Lee of Norman and Patrica Coleman of Marlow. Her grandchildren, Kael and

Cassie McDonald of Oklahoma City, Mauri and Keith Johnson of Denver, Colorado, Phealin and Irish Whish of Anadarko, Ian and Stacy Swart of Lawton, Hannah and Zach Shafer of Elgin, Maura and DJ Moffet of Elgin. Her great-grandchildren, Rowan, Juniper, Jack, Lila, Henry, Anson, Graham, Braden, Nathan, Lennon, Isabella, Liam and Izzy. Her bonus grandchildren, Blaine, Kelsey, Wade, Rebecca, Erin, Brooke, Dustin, Colin, Brandon, and Kasie.

Cemetery Details

Memory Lane Cemetery

2324 S Mission St
Anandarko, OK 73005

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Smith Funeral Home
301 W. Oklahoma Avenue
Anadarko, OK 73005
(405) 247-3701
<https://www.smithfuneralservices.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
1115 West Petree Rd
Anadarko, OK 73005

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Empting.

February 16 at 05:26 PM



“ Phil and Pat Swart, Natalie and Laura planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Empting.

Phil and Pat Swart, Natalie and Laura - February 16 at 04:53 PM



“ Phil and Pat Swart, Natalie and Laura purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dorothy Empting.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Empting.

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“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Empting.*



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“ *Isabella Whish, Phealin & Irish Whish, Susie, and April Satoe purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Dorothy Empting.*



Isabella Whish, Phealin & Irish Whish, Susie, and April Satoe
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“ *I have so many memories it's hard to choose what to share. So many funny fishing stories. Once we were fishing with a group of friends, I hadn't gotten a bite yet so I asked Dorothy to pick me out a "good" lure. She did and handed it to me, I put it on my pole and continued fishing for the rest of the day. I was constantly mentioning still not getting a bite yet. When I reeled in and took off my lure I noticed it didn't have a hook on it!*

Another time while fishing, we were going to make sandwiches. We looked and looked for the bread and finally decided we must have forgotten it. Later, when Dorothy got up- there was the bread! She had been sitting on it the whole time! I could go on and on. I cherish all the wonderful and funny memories I have of her. Sweetest lady ever!

LaRita Bradley - February 15 at 12:49 PM